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# Assistance in mine action

## Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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## I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Assistance in mine action" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 18th and 19th meetings, on 28 and 29 October 2004, and took action on item 22 at its 19th meeting, on 29 October (see A/C.4/59/SR.18 and 19).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance in mine action (A/59/284 and Add.1);

(b) Letter dated 1 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the annual coordination meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 28 September 2004 (A/59/425-S/2004/808);

(c) Letter dated 15 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted on the occasion of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 30 September 2004 (A/59/450).

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4. At its 19th meeting, on 29 October 2004, the Committee held a panel discussion under item 22.

5. At the same meeting the Chairman stated that he had been informed by the Secretariat that there were no programme budget implications arising from the draft decision on this item.

## II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.4/59/L.9

6. At the 19th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of the Netherlands made a statement and introduced the draft decision entitled "Assistance in mine action" (A/C.4/59/L.9) (see A/C.4/59/SR.19).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/59/L.9 without a vote (see para. 8).

## III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 58/127 of 19 December 2003 on assistance in mine action,

*Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Assistance in mine action".